

Agricultural Stakeholders Group,

We at Muscatine have shared our ideas in the past about Ag adjustments to non-crop ground and over the last few weeks we have thought and talked about what is the right way to approach and implement a program that would be fair and equitable to each county state wide.

While reviewing all the information that has been shared and trying to keep in mind the idea of transparency it came to us that the answer was right under our nose with the state CSR map, see attachment. You would compare the CSR of tillable ground with CSR of non-tillable ground and the difference would be the adjustment. A simple and transparent formula, the discount (if any) would be applied to each soil type in the non-tillable area.

Example:

Muscatine County CSR tillable ground 71 Csr non-tillable ground 41 the discount would be 30%

Ringgold County CSR tillable ground 45 CSR non-tillable ground 44 the discount would be 0

Lyon County CSR tillable ground 62 CSR non-tillable ground 47 the discount would be 15%

Allamakee County CSR tillable ground 59 CSR non-tillable ground 22 the discount would be 37%

As you can see this is very straight forward and would be applied to each soil type to simplify the process so all land owners could understand and not put any County in an adverse financial situation.

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